

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1: (Currently Amended) An entertainment system comprising:

a unit ~~to be configured to~~ transmit information and to receive information via a wireless connection; and

a plurality of hand-held devices ~~capable of~~ communicating simultaneously ~~communicating~~ communicate with said unit, wherein each ~~apparatus~~ hand-held device of the plurality of hand-held devices comprises:

_____ a control unit configured to interact with an electronic programming guide (EPG) that is selectively programmed by one of said hand-held devices, ~~which wherein~~ selective programming of ~~said one~~ a first hand-held device of the plurality of hand-held devices is then communicated to one or more of the other ~~said~~ hand-held devices of the plurality of hand-held devices; and

_____ an indicator to indicate an availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the EPG without providing an indication of the availability of the interactive function on a display configured to display the program corresponding to the EPG, the display being separate from the plurality of hand-held devices.

Claim 2: (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the indicator is displayed on a display of the ~~apparatus~~ first hand-held device.

Claim 3: (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim 2, wherein the display of the first hand-held device changes background colors to indicate the availability of the interactive function corresponding to the EPG.

Claim 4: (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim 2, wherein the display of the first hand-held device flashes to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

Claim 5: (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the ~~apparatus~~ first hand-held device is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 6: (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the first hand-held device ~~apparatus~~ is a web phone.

Claim 7: (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the indicator is ~~a unit that generates~~ configured to generate a sound to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

Claim 8: (Currently Amended) The entertainment system of claim 1, wherein the indicator is ~~a section of the apparatus that~~ configured to illuminate to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

Claim 9: (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
transmitting information and receiving information via a wireless connection simultaneously to and from a plurality of hand-held devices, the information ~~interacting~~ corresponding to interactions with an electronic programming guide (EPG) ~~that is selectively~~

~~programmed by one of said hand-held devices, which selective programming wherein the~~
interactions with an EPG of said one a first hand-held device is then communicated to one or
~~more of the other said other hand-held devices of the plurality of hand-held devices; and~~

indicating an availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the
~~EPG simultaneously at said at the first plurality of hand-held devices without indicating the~~
availability of the interactive function on a display separate from the plurality of hand-held
devices, the display configured to display the program corresponding to the EPG.

Claim 10: (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein ~~the~~ indicating the
availability of the interactive function includes displaying an indicator on a display of the
~~apparatus~~ first hand-held device.

Claim 11: (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~the~~ indicating the
availability of the interactive function includes changing ~~the one or more~~ background colors of
the display of the first hand-held device to indicate the availability of the interactive function in
the program corresponding to the EPG.

Claim 12: (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~the~~ indicating the
availability of the interactive function includes the display of the first hand-held device flashing
to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

Claim 13: (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the ~~apparatus~~ first hand-
held device is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 14: (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the ~~apparatus~~first hand-held device is a web phone.

Claim 15: (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein ~~the~~indicating the availability of the interactive function includes generating a sound ~~to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.~~

Claim 16: (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein ~~the~~indicating the availability of the interactive function includes illuminating a section of the ~~apparatus~~first hand-held device ~~to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.~~

Claim 17: (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions, which when executed cause a system to perform a method comprising:

transmitting information and receiving information via a wireless connection simultaneously to and from a plurality of hand-held devices, the information ~~interacting~~corresponding to interactions with an electronic programming guide (EPG), wherein an interaction of a first hand-held device of the plurality of hand-held device that is selectively programmed by one of said hand-held devices, which selectively programmed by one of said hand-held devices, which selective programming of said one hand-held device is then communicated to one or more of the other said hand-held devices of the plurality of hand-held devices; and

indicating an availability of an interactive function in a program corresponding to the EPG simultaneously at said plurality of hand-held devices without indicating the availability of the interactive function at a display separate from the plurality of hand-held devices, the display configured to display the program corresponding to the EPG.

Claim 18: (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein ~~the~~ indicating the availability of the interactive function includes displaying an indicator on a display of the ~~apparatus~~ first hand-held device.

Claim 19: (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ indicating the availability of the interactive function includes changing ~~the one or more~~ background colors of the display of the first hand-held device ~~to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.~~

Claim 20: (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 18, wherein ~~the~~ indicating the availability of the interactive function includes the display of the first hand-held device ~~flashing to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.~~

Claim 21: (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein the ~~apparatus~~ first hand-held device is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 22: (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein the apparatus first hand-held device is a web phone.

Claim 23: (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein ~~the~~ indicating the availability of the interactive function includes ~~a unit of the apparatus~~ generating a sound to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

Claim 24: (Currently Amended) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein ~~the~~ indicating the availability of the interactive function includes illuminating a section of the ~~apparatus first hand-held device~~ illuminating to indicate the availability of the interactive function in the program corresponding to the EPG.

Claim 25: (New) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein indicating the availability of the interactive function is performed in response to the interactive function becoming available.

Claim 26: (New) The machine readable medium of claim 17, wherein whether an indication of the availability of the interactive function is provided to the display separate from the plurality of hand-held devices is configurable through the first hand-held device.

Claim 27: (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the information corresponding to interactions with an electronic programming guide (EPG) includes user comments.